

**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT**

Public Services – PR&RD Department – Allegations of irregularities and inferior quality of construction of CC road works in Madhanapuram Gram Panchayat, Sarvakota (M) of erstwhile Srikakulam District under MGNREGS during the period 2015-2021 – Disciplinary proceedings against Sri V. Sarath Kumar, the then Executive Engineer, PRI Division, Srikakulam (Retired from service on 31.07.2018) under Rule 20 of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991 r/w Rule-9 of APRPR 1980 – Article of Charge – Issued.

PANCHAYAT RAJ AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (VIG.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No. 919

**Dated:28.12.2023.
Read the following:-**

G.O.Ms.No.101. PR&RD (Vig.I) Department, Dated:28-12-2023

ORDER:-

In pursuance of the sanction accorded in the reference read above, under sub-clause (i) of clause (b) of sub-rule (2) of Rule 9 of the Revised Pension Rules, 1980 for instituting departmental proceedings against Sri V. Sarath Kumar, the then Executive Engineer, PRI Division, Srikakulam (Retired from service on 31.07.2018), it is proposed to hold an enquiry in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule 20 of the A.P. Civil Services [Classification, Control and Appeal], 1991.

2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct or mis-behaviour in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of article of charge (Annexure-I). A statement of the imputations of misconduct or misbehaviour in support of the article of charge is enclosed [Annexure-II]. A list of documents by which, and a list of witnesses by whom, the articles of charge are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed [Annexure III & IV]. Copies of documents are furnished herewith.

3. Sri V. Sarath Kumar, the then Executive Engineer, PRI Division, Srikakulam (Retired) is directed to submit written statement of defence within (10) days of the receipt of this order.

4. Sri V. Sarath Kumar, the then Executive Engineer, PRI Division, Srikakulam (Retired) is informed that an enquiry will be held only in respect of those article of charge, which are not admitted. He should, therefore, specifically admit or deny each article of charge.

5. Sri V. Sarath Kumar, the then Executive Engineer, PRI Division, Srikakulam (Retired) is further informed that if he does not submit his written statement of defence on or before the date specified in Para-3 above, or does not appear in person before the inquiring authority or otherwise fails or refuses to comply with the provisions of Rule 20 of the A.P.C.S. [CC&A] Rules, 1991, or the orders/directions issued in pursuance of the said rules, the inquiring authority may hold the inquiry against him exparte.

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6. The receipt of this G.O. may be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To:

Sri V. Sarath Kumar, the then Executive Engineer, PRI Division, Srikakulam (Retired) **through** the Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, AP, Vijayawada, (with a request to serve the same on the C.O. and furnish the acknowledgment copy)

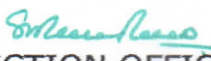
Copy to:-

The Director General, General Administration(V&E)Department, Vijayawada.

The Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, AP, Vijayawada

The Secretary to VC, Andhra Pradesh Vigilance Commission, A.P., Velagapudi
SF/SC.

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ANNEXURE-I

Statement showing the Draft Article of Charges against Sri V. Sarath Kumar, the then Executive Engineer, PRI Division, Srikakulam (Retired from service on 31.07.2018).

CHARGE-1

That Sri V. Sarath Kumar, the then Executive Engineer, PRI Division, Srikakulam (Retired from service on 31.07.2018) has recommended the bill for payment despite inferior quality of concrete work in respect of work No.4 i.e "Construction of CC road from BT road to burial ground and retaining wall on both sides at Madanapuram ,Village, Madanapuram GP, Sarvakota Mandal" erstwhile Srikakulam district. Estimated Cost: 12.00 lakhs.(Work ID:017042422031080024) By his above mentioned act, Sri V. Sarath Kumar, the then Executive Engineer, PRI Division, Srikakulam (Retired from service on 31.07.2018) has failed to discharge his duties, exhibited lack of devotion to duty, lack of integrity, lack of impartiality and for behaved in a manner unbecoming of a Government servant and thereby contravened Rule 3(1) and 3 (2) of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

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ANNEXURE-II

Statement of imputations of misconduct in support of Article of Charge framed against Sri V. Sarath Kumar, the then Executive Engineer, PRI Division, Srikakulam (Retired from service on 31.07.2018):

The General Administration (V&E) Department in Vigilance Report No. 19 (C.No.4220/V&E/Engg./2022-1) Date:31.03.2023 of Director General, V&E Dept, the V&E Dept, ofcials verified and enquired into the contents of the complaint petition fled by Smt P.Swathi, Sarpanch, Madnapuram Gram Panchayat, Sarvakota (M)erstwhile Srikakulam District under MGNREGS during the period 2015-2021 and lapses for which recoveries proposed are tabulated below:

S.No	Name of the work	Lapses identified	Rejected componen t (Rs.)for the	Recovery proposed
1	"Construction of CC road from BT road to burial ground and retaining wall on both sides at Madanapuram, Village, Madanapuram GP, Sarvakota Mandal" erstwhile Srikakulam district. (Work ID:017042422031080 02 4)	The CC road developed major cracks as a result of inferior quality of construction and also recommended the bill for	Rs.2,34,633/-	Rs.2,34,633/- Or CC road should be reconstructed at the cost and risk of the agency.

			despite substandard quality of work.		
			Total	Rs.2,34,633/-	Rs.2,34,633/-

As per the findings of the V&E, Sri V. Sarath Kumar, the then Executive Engineer, PRI Division, Srikakulam (Retired) has recommended the bill for payment despite inferior quality of concrete work in respect of work No.4 i.e "Construction of CC road from BT road to burial ground and retaining wall on both sides at Madanapuram ,Village, Madanapuram GP, Sarvakota Mandal" erstwhile Srikakulam district resulting the CC road developed major cracks as a result of inferior quality of construction and also recommended the bill for payment despite sub-standard quality of work, Hence the version of the aforesaid officer is not acceptable.

By his above mentioned act, Sri V. Sarath Kumar, the then Executive Engineer, PRI Division, Srikakulam (Retired from service on 31.07.2018) has shown lack of devotion to duty, lack of integrity and lack of impartiality and behaved in a manner unbecoming of a Govt. Servant and thereby contravened Rules 3(1) and 3(2) of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964. Hence, the charge.

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ANNEXURE-III

List of documents by which the article of charges are framed against Sri V. Sarath Kumar, the then Executive Engineer, PRI Division, Srikakulam (Retired) are proposed to be sustained:

Vigilance Report No.19 (C.No.4220/V&E/Engg./2022-I) Date:31.03.2023 of Director General, V&E Dept, the V&E Dept.

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ANNEXURE- IV

List of witnesses by whom the article of charges framed against Sri V. Sarath Kumar, the then Executive Engineer, PRI Division, Srikakulam (Retired), are proposed to be sustained:

-NIL-

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